



**WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

The Washtenaw Intermediate School District Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, in Washtenaw ISD's Teaching and Learning Center Board Room at 1819 South Wagner Road in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Steve Olsen.

**ATTENDANCE**

**The following members were present:**

Steve Olsen, President  
Diane Hockett, Vice President  
Mary Jane Tramontin, Secretary (arrived at 5:10 p.m.)  
Theresa Saunders, Treasurer

**The following member was absent:**

Don Garrett, Trustee

**Also present:**

Naomi Norman, Superintendent  
Cherie Vannatter, Deputy Superintendent  
Brian Marcel, Associate Superintendent  
Kim Woods, Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Superintendent  
Merri Lynn Colligan, Executive Director, School and Community Partnerships  
Margy Long, Director, Success by 6, Great Start Collaborative  
Becky Mullins, Human Resources Supervisor

Meghan McGowan, Early Intervention Occupational Therapist  
Kimberly Minetee, TA YA PROJ Special Education

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion by Diane Hockett, seconded by Theresa Saunders, to approve the agenda, as presented.**

**Ayes: All.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS – Kegel Family Foundation Donation:** Superintendent Norman spoke about the \$5,000.00 gift from the Kegel Family Foundation, and their history of awarding funding to WISD

for establishing training and education for blind, deaf, and hard of hearing children. A letter of appreciation has been sent acknowledging the gift.

**COMMUNICATIONS – Ann McNally Adaptive Bike Donation:** Superintendent Norman spoke about the adaptive bike donation that Washtenaw ISD received from Ms. Ann McNally.

**COMMUNICATIONS – MASB 2022 Award Recipients:** Superintendent Norman spoke about the Michigan Association of School Boards 2022 Award Recipients across Washtenaw County, which included Washtenaw ISD Board President Olsen and Board Vice-President Hockett.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – There was no public participation.

**EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE DIALOGUE** – Superintendent Norman gave the board an update on some of the district's upcoming equity efforts.

- She informed the board that after meeting virtually throughout the school year, the District Equity Leadership Team (DELT) met in-person with PEG Director of Strategic Partnerships and DELT facilitator Luis Versalles. The session took place on Monday, March 6, 2023. Members of the Executive Administration team shared their experiences with the board.
- Washtenaw ISD will host a Mission Statement Session through ZingTrain on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at the ZingTrain offices.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Diane Hockett, seconded by Theresa Saunders, that the Board of Education approve the minutes and Superintendent's recommendations in the Consent Agenda, as presented.**

**Voting yes: Steve Olsen, Diane Hockett, Theresa Saunders, Mary Jane Tramontin**

**Voting no: None.**

**Motion carried.**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board approved the minutes of the February 28, 2023, regular session meeting.

#### **085-22-23**

The Board approved the following employment recommendation:

- Sandra Alfred as a Teacher Assistant for Red Oak Young Adult.

#### **086-22-23**

The Board approved the following reclassification requests:

- Taylor Chauncy, TA-Red Oak, 1.0 FTE, 185 Workdays, Unit I Bargaining, to TA-YA WCC, 1.0 FTE, 185 Workdays, Unit I Bargaining.
- Robin Williams, TA-High Point A4, 1.0 FTE, 205 Workdays, Unit I Bargaining, to TA-YA SCI, 1.0 FTE, 205 Workdays, Unit I Bargaining.

**087-22-23**

The Board approved the following staff resignations:

- Atonia Robles, effective February 24, 2023.
- Charles Stevenson, Effective March 17, 2023.

**088-22-23**

The Board approved the new PAC appointment, Amy Wilkins, a parent, from Ann Arbor Public Schools.

**089-22-23**

The board approved the purchase of a 42TB HP Nimble Storage Expansion unit, with installation and three-year support, for \$32,527.49, as presented.

**090-22-23**

The board authorized the administration to execute the lease agreement with 114 N Main LLC for 114 N Main St. Chelsea, MI 48118, with rent totaling \$129,300.00 for the three-year term, as presented.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS – Board Policy - First Read**

Human Resources and Legal Services Supervisor Becky Mullins addressed the board regarding the first reading of the following policy: #9150 – School Visitors (revised). Board action was not required.

**NEW BUSINESS – Contract with Superior Township – American Rescue Plan Funds:** Prior to board action, Success by 6, Great Start Collaborative Director Margy Long addressed the board. She gave details about the \$50,000.00 grant awarded to Washtenaw ISD from Superior Township using American Rescue Plan funds. Ms. Long fielded questions from the board.

**Motion by Mary Jane Tramontin, seconded by Diane Hockett, that the Board of Education accept the grant from Superior Township in the amount of \$50,000.00, as presented.**

**Voting yes: Theresa Saunders, Mary Jane Tramontin, Steve Olsen, Diane Hockett**

**Voting no: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:** There were no other items of business.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS:**

- Vice President Hockett spoke about the Washtenaw Association of School Boards meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023. She stated that every district was represented at the meeting. Additionally, Matt Kurta of Karoub & Associates presented to the group on Advocacy and State Policy.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Norman spoke about the following:

- She gave an update on the Talent Together initiative. The Design Team met last night and there was a retreat today at Washtenaw ISD which included 20 attendees in-person, and 15 attendees remote.
- Superintendent Norman wrote an article for School Administrator Magazine regarding the Parapro to Teacher Certification program and other University and District partnerships. The article will be published in May 2023.
- The South & West Washtenaw Consortium Executive Director / Washtenaw County CEPD Administrator Ryan Rowe and Ms. Norman met with Washtenaw Community College President Rose Bellanca, WCC Vice President Brandon Tucker, and WCC Provost Linda Blakey to discuss Career and Technical Education in Washtenaw County.
- Superintendent Norman and CEPD Administrator Ryan Rowe met with Washtenaw Technical Middle College Dean Karl Covert, who is investigating possibilities for expanding CTE options through the middle college.
- The local district Superintendents met with the Police Chiefs on March 10, 2023. Ms. Norman gave a brief overview of topics discussed at that meeting, including the presentation by the Washtenaw County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney on prosecution related to school threats.
- The WISD Achievement Initiatives Department, along with local District’s Instructional Departments will start a network for new teachers that are in their first three years of teaching.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Tramontin, Secretary  
Washtenaw ISD Board of Education